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Mr. Jeffrey S. Harwood



Dear Mr. Harwood:

You may have received an interim reply to your request of 23 August. It was sent in error; please disregard it.

We believe that at least a portion of your request should have been sent to the National Archives, rather than to this Agency. The 1966 formal study on the use of aerial intelligence photography for civilian purposes was made by the Office of the Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology. The same is true of the files of the Steering Committee, which you also requested. Although this Agency was concerned with both, custody resides with the Lyndon B. Johnson Library. I suggest that you write to:

Director Henry J. Middleton
Lyndon B. Johnson Library
Austin, Texas 78712

So far as the "agreement" permitting access to classified overhead photography is concerned, no formal agreement exists. An agreement was proposed between this Agency and EPA, but it was never completed. The Director of Central Intelligence has authorized various civilian agencies regular access to classified overhead photography. However, the documents establishing this procedure are properly classified under Section 5(B) of Executive Order 11652, as well as Exemption (b)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act. Under the latter exemption, pursuant to subsection 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, the Director is responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. The deciding officer in this case was Roland S. Inlow, Chairman of the USIB Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploration.



In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I am advising you of your right to appeal Mr. Inlow's decision to the CIA Information Review Committee, via the undersigned. Agency regulations require that appeals be filed within thirty days.

Sincerely,

/s/ GFW

Gene F. Wilson
Freedom of Information Coordinator

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